



TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

Fire Marshal's Office

Open Burning on Residential Property Only

Residential property is property that is used exclusively for residential purposes, consisting of one to four dwelling units. Burning on property not zoned or classified as residential is prohibited.

Restrictions, Conditions and Permitting

Prior to burning, the resident, or individual seeking to burn on the residential property where he or she resides, must have a valid, signed permit from his or her local Open Burning Official. The permit does not relieve the permittee of any legal liability, which may be incurred as a result of the fire.

Open burning is limited to the burning of brush only

Brush is defined as shrubs, vegetation or prunings, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point. Leaves and grass are not considered brush. Open burning is not allowed for the purpose of clearing land, or for the disposal of construction debris, household trash, or leaves.

Open burning is not allowed:

- *To clear land prior to construction activities*
- *As a means to dispose of construction debris, household trash, or leaves.*
- *If the Air Quality Index (AQI) is forecasted to be 75 or higher anywhere in the state*
- *If the Forest Fire Danger Index is rated High, Very High, or Extreme*
(See below for more information)*
- *If national or state ambient air quality standards may be exceeded*
- *If a hazardous health condition might be created*
- *If there is an advisory from DEEP of any air pollution episode*
- *Where prohibited by an ordinance of the municipality*
- *If directed by any member of the town Fire Marshal's office, Officer of the Fire Department, designated Municipal Official responsible for enforcing the open burning laws and ordinances, or any official of the Health Department or DEEP*



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Before the Burn

All reasonable safety precautions are to be taken including but not limited to:

**Go to this website [www.https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report)*

Or call the DEEP at 860-424-3929 to check that the fire index is acceptable for burning.

Call Brookfield Police Department at 203-775-2575 to advise them you will be burning

Clearing of grass and trees from the burning area

Wetting down of the surrounding area

Placement of fire extinguishers and hose lines

After the Burn

All reasonable measures to assure complete combustion and reduce excessive smoke are to be taken

A no time during the burn should the fire be left unattended

The permit must be available on site during the burn

Burning may not create a nuisance to nearby properties

Burning may only be conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a sunny or partly sunny day with the wind speed between 5 and 15 miles per hour



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Completion of the Burn Period

The burn pile must be completely extinguished by 5 p.m.

All embers and coals must be extinguished and wetted, so as to prevent smoldering and fugitive ash emissions

Failure to adhere to the conditions of the permit may result in penalties and/or enforcement actions. There may be additional requirements or special conditions applied to your open burning permit by your local Open Burning Official.

Do you have a complaint regarding open burning on residential property?

Smoke, nuisance odors, or other complaints regarding open burning on a residential property are best directed to your local Fire Marshal and/or Open Burning Official. Please visit your town's website to obtain the appropriate contact information.

Issues or concerns relating to the health effects created or experienced during open burning should be directed to your local Open Burning Official as well as your local Health Department.

In the case of an emergency please call 911 or your local Fire Department!